

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

Following a Work Session, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Stone with Councilmembers Simillion, Smits and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager/Community Development Director Hannon, Police Chief Keehne, many interested citizens and the press. Mayor Ferguson arrived at 7:21P.M. City Manager Collins was out of town.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2004.

Councilmember Simillion moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison County Beautification Committee Members – Paula Swenson, Sue Oates, Harley Tripp; Re: Designation of Rio Grande Avenue as a Scenic Corridor. Gunnison County Operations Manager Marlene Crosby was also present. Ms. Oates informed Council that the Gunnison County Beautification Committee's "Time to Lighten the Load" program helped dispose of 3100 yards of debris, more than 100 appliances, and 20 vehicles in the County. In addition, 2 mobile homes were crushed and buried at the County landfill and other mobile homes were taken out of the County. The County was very helpful with dump fees in these instances. In 2004, the Committee would like to announce in a news release the support of City Council for the program and also the designation of scenic corridors within the City. Ms. Oates stated the County bus drivers use Rio Grande, Boulevard, 12th and 11th to get from the airport to Tomichi Avenue, so these are the corridors the Committee is interested in for the scenic designation. The County would like to extend the County landfill discounts to City property owners along the designated scenic corridors. The Committee is requesting Council authorize the expenditure of City funds to pay for the copy and mailing costs of a letter and other information to the City property owners informing them of the discount program. The County, with permission from the Board of County Commissioner's, would give the property owners a coupon allowing for a discount at the landfill. The Committee feels it's very important to include the businesses as well as the residences along the corridors in the program.

Councilmember Simillion asked if the Committee is requesting just Rio Grande Avenue be designated as a scenic corridor. Ms. Oates responded that the committee would like to encourage Council, in the short term, that Rio Grande Avenue be considered the main entrance and exit corridor to the airport. She recognizes the City has spent a lot of money in the past year on improving Highway 50 on the west entrance to town. That's why they see the value at designating Rio Grande as a scenic corridor. They would also like to get signage in place to get people to use Rio Grande as the corridor to the airport. They would then talk with Mike Potaker of Alpine Express and with the rental car companies to get the drivers to use that portion of Rio Grande. Ms. Oates stated they would like to include the entire length of Rio Grande because it is visible when people fly into Gunnison. The County is working with Western State College to do upgrades to the exterior and interior of the airport this summer while the airport is closed for the runway project. The Committee would like to coordinate the beautification efforts on Rio Grande at the same time and offer the discounts to the residents and the businesses along the designated corridors.

Community Development Director Hannon asked if there would be some kind of notification to the property owners along the proposed scenic corridors prior to the designation. Discussion ensued about the process for public input. Ms. Swenson stated all the scenic corridor does is give the residents or business owners a discount at the landfill and there are no other obligations to the property owners.

Councilmember Stone stated he agrees with the proposal although he feels like Staff needs to look at the proposal. There may be some issues involved, such as traffic patterns, street conditions, etc. Also, he would like input from Staff as far as comments on the draft Airport Master Plan and how the designations might affect the City. Councilmember Stone asked that

the Staff recommendations be discussed at the February 24, Council meeting. Ms. Oates then asked if the Committee could join forces with the City and Western State College on the community cleanup day. The Committee would like to have a rubber tire clean up campaign. The disposal cost would be one or two dollars per tire as opposed to the current four dollar fee. They would like to work together to publicize both events. Lastly, the Committee is putting on an organizational meeting for service groups, WSC service organizations and interested citizens to work together on these beautification projects. The meeting will be held on March 3, at the County multi-purpose building.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Challenge Grant Application from Gunnison Main Street for the Winter Carnival in the Amount of \$2,500. Planning Technician Stawowy and Main Street Director Bruce Hyde came forward to answer any questions. This item was discussed at the Work Session prior to the Regular Session.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from the Challenge Grant committee and award a Challenge Grant in the Amount of \$1,500 to Gunnison Main Street for the Winter Carnival with the following four conditions: That approval of the grant is contingent upon approval of the special events permit; that the funds will be used to purchase posters, flyers and advertising; that the City's by-line will be displayed on all promotional material; and that the City of Gunnison banner is displayed at the event.

Councilmembers Duba and Stone requested the organizers make an estimate of the crowd, especially local residents versus out-of-town attendees. Mr. Hyde stated they would do this and get the information back to Council.

Mayor Ferguson asked if advertising was being done outside of Gunnison. Mr. Hyde stated yes.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Annual Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Undesirable Plant Management.

Electric Supervisor Ken Bradford came forward and informed Council this is the fourth year the City has entered into this agreement. The 2004 budget contains \$1,000 earmarked for the Weed Commission. The noxious weeds are identified by the State Undesirable Plant Commission and by the County Weed Commission.. The Electric Department deals with the City right-of-ways, therefore he is the representative on the County Commission. That Commission has a crew that sprays for the noxious weeds.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Undesirable Plant Management and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Contract with Sink Combs Dethlefs for Architectural Services for Community Center Project. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro came forward and informed Council the City Staff and the City Attorney have been working on this contract for quite a while. Sink Combs Dethlefs has reduced their fees significantly. There has been a \$96,000 price reduction from the original proposal. The civil engineering will take place in-house by City Engineer Terry Zerger.

City Attorney Landwehr stated Staff has reviewed the costs and he has reviewed the contract language.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Staff and approve the contract with Sink Combs Dethlefs for Architectural Services for the Community Center Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Councilmember Smits asked about the timeframe of the contract. What if we have to extend the contract? Director Ampietro stated if we go beyond the date of the contract then the City would have to come to Council for more money.

Councilmember Stone thanked Chris Dickey of the Gunnison Country Times for the excellent article he wrote correcting the mix up on the misleading Dodge Report contract error.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Director Ampietro informed Council the City has received nine proposals for the General Manager/General Contractor contract. The Committee will meet on Thursday morning and hear presentations from four of the firms.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 2, Series 2004; Re: Text Amendment to Chapter 15 of the Land Development Code of the City Code of the City of Gunnison Regarding Automobile Sales and Rental in the Central Business District, 2nd Reading.

Councilmember Simillion introduced Ordinance No. 2, Series 2004, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 2, Series 2004, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, ADOPTING A DEFINITION OF “AUTOMOBILE SALES AND RENTAL”, AND AMENDING TABLE 7-3 OF CHAPTER 15, SCHEDULE OF USES – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ZONE DISTRICTS, TO MAKE AUTOMOBILE SALES AND RENTALS AN ALLOWED USE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 10th day of February, 2004.

Roll call vote, yes: Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Mr. John Roberts thanked the City Council.

City Attorney: Update on Firehouse Lots Lease Agreement. City Attorney Landwehr updated Council on negotiations with Gunnison County on a agreement for use of the lots south of the Gunnison Firehouse. The Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department and the Gunnison County Fire Protection firefighters use the lots for training purposes. The City and District have been asked to lease the lots from the County for the rate of \$10 per year for a term of 10 years. The City has added some language to the lease proposal to allow for storage of some abandoned vehicles on the property for training purposes. The District will vote on the agreement next week and Staff will bring the agreement back to Council at the next Regular Session.

City Manager: Mark Collins. The City Manager was out of town.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Hannon. Director Hannon stated she will be giving her departmental report to Council at the next Regular Session.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. City Clerk Davidson reminded Council about the joint Work Session with the Planning & Zoning Commission tomorrow evening. The meeting starts at 6:00 P.M. and dinner will be served.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Mayor Ferguson: Reviewed the agenda items to be discussed at the Thursday morning meeting with the RTA, the County and local municipal elected officials.

Councilmember Duba: Stated he will be unable to attend the Housing Authority meeting. He then passed out an information sheet to Council on US Census Bureau data regarding median incomes, housing costs, and other parameters found in Gunnison County. He will get copies to Council if they'd like a copy.

Councilmembers Smits, Stone, and Simillion: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk